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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

4. REMINDER

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

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The applicant's attention is drawn to Article 33(5), which provides that the criteria of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability described in Article 33(2) to (4) merely serve the purposes of international preliminary examination and that "any Contracting State may apply additional or different criteria for the purposes of deciding whether, in that State, the claimed inventions is patentable or not" (see also Article 27(5)). Such additional criteria may relate, for example, to exemptions from patentability, requirements for enabling disclosure, clarity and support for the claims.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, Pages

1, 2, 8-11 as originally filed
3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A received on 16.07.2004 with letter of 16.07.2004

Claims, Numbers

1-24 received on 16.07.2004 with letter of 16.07.2004

Drawings, Sheets

1/2-2/2 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

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5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-24
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-24
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-24
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Reference is made to the following document:

D1: WO 01/31903 A

2. It is considered that the present invention meets the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.
3. The subject-matter of claim 1 is new and is considered to be inventive, Article 33(2) and (3) PCT, since the prior art cited in the International Search Report does neither disclose or suggest the claimed method of establishing anonymous communication in an IP based network.
 - 3.1. D1 discloses requesting, providing, announcing a temporary anonymous subscriber identity, initiating and establishing one anonymous communication path towards the temporary anonymous identity, initiating and establishing another anonymous communication path towards the subscriber identity and suppressing the subscriber identity.
 - 3.2. The subject-matter of claim 1 in the present application differs from the disclosure in D1 in requesting, reserving, providing, announcing a temporary SIP address; initiating and establishing a communication path towards the temporary SIP address using the subscriber identity associated with the temporary SIP address.
 - 3.3. The problem to be solved by the present invention is to introduce unified anonymous communication in an IP based network.
 - 3.4. The solution is not obvious from the above mentioned prior art. D1 does not support real-time communication in IP networks. Instead, D1 points out that the end quality of voice over IP networks is not satisfactory, and introduces a call broker, which calls and hides the real subscriber identities.

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The remaining documents cited in the International Search Report disclose further different technical solutions to establish an anonymous communication. Either the real SIP addresses are suppressed in the network to achieve a certain degree of anonymity, or temporary call IDs are used to manage anonymous voice calls.

4. The features of independent apparatus claim 13 entirely correspond to the method steps of claim 1. Therefore, the subject-matter of claim 13 is also new and inventive, Article 33(2) and (3) PCT.
5. Claims 2-12, 14-24 are dependent on method claim 1 and apparatus claim 13, and as such also meet the requirements of PCT, Article 33(2) and (3) PCT.
6. Remarks
- 6.1. Although claims 1, 13 are drafted in the two-part form, the features known from the prior art (see 3.1.) are not placed in the preamble, Rule 6.3(b) PCT.